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Dear Colonels Hall and Sexton:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 I would like to again acknowledge our appreciation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' continued support of the EPA as this agency discharges its duties at the West Lake Landfill National Priority List site in St. Louis County. The technical assistance and expertise your team has provided to date has proved invaluable as the EPA has considered alternatives for an isolation barrier and moves forward on the work necessary to implementing a preferred remedy at the site.

In the past year USACE's expertise has supported the EPA's mission at the West Lake Landfill site by providing:

- 1. Technical review of the plans and documents the EPA and the state of Missouri ordered the Potentially Responsible Parties to complete regarding an isolation barrier to separate the subsurface smoldering event located in the Bridgeton Landfill portion of the West Lake NPL site from the Operable Units established by the EPA at the West Lake NPL site;
- 2. Technical assistance to this agency in exercising its Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act oversight duties of PRP submissions connected to long-term environmental remediation at the West Lake NPL site; and
- 3. Design review of work plans and related PRP submissions to assure the work required of the PRPs secures this agency's obligation to continue protecting the community from potential risks posed by the RIM at the West Lake NPL site.

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The EPA readily acknowledges that there is still a considerable amount of "heavy lifting" that needs to be done by both of our agencies as this agency moves closer to the final remedy decision for the West Lake Landfill site. I hope you concur with my assessment: the EPA/USACE team is up to the task.

Again, I appreciate all the assistance that the USACE has provided the EPA. I look forward to working directly with you in continuing this relationship.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks